(e) whether all these reports would be made available for public at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government keeps on reviewing the use/licensing/import of pesticides reported to be acutely hazardous, from time to time through Central Insecticides Board/Registration Committee set up under the Insecticides Act, 1968 as well as through High Level Expert Committees.

(c) and (d) The Government had constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. N. Banerjee in 1984 to review the use in India of Pesticides which are banned/restricted in other countries. This Committee was re-constituted in 1986, 1987 & 1989. The committee was given the task to review 31 pesticides, the reports on which have since been received by the Government. The Government have already implemented the recommendation of the Committee on 12 pesticides and recommendations on remaining 19 are under examination.

(e) It has been decided to release to public all the reports of Banerjee Committee on which decision has already been taken by the Government.

Foreign visits by the officers of the Ministry of Steel

910. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the officers of the Ministry of Steel who visited foreign countries during the last three years alongwith the expenditure incurred and the duration of each of the visits;

(b) what was the purpose of each of the visits; and

(c) whether the expenditure on these visits was incurred either by the Ministry or its undertakings or attached offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improvement in the quality of food supplied in Long distance trains

911. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to improve the quality of food supplied in long distance trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Constant efforts are made by Railways to improve the quality of food and service. Steps taken/proposed to be taken include, introduction of casserole service, modernisation of base kitchens, training to catering staff, introduction of pantry car service, regular/surprise inspections etc.

Doubling of B.G. line between Erakulam and Trivandrum

912. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to double the broad gauge line between Ernakulam and Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On Ernakulam-Trivandrum section of Southern Railway, an alternative BG line has been proposed for contruction between Ernakulam-Kayankulam, of this Ernakulam-Alleppey (57 kms.) has al-